Application No. 10/670,211
Reply to Office Action of April 1, 2004

**REMARKS** 

The rejection of Claims 1-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully

traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully call the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure

Statement (IDS) filed May 21, 2004. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the

Form PTO-1449 submitted therewith, and include a copy thereof with the next Office

communication.

All of the presently-pending claims in this application are now believed to be in

immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to

pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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